

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Application No.: 09/987,639
Atty Docket No.: Q67304

REMARKS

The Office Action of May 11, 2004 has been received and its contents carefully considered.

Claims 1 to 26 are all the claims pending in the application, prior to the present amendment.

The Examiner sets forth four separate rejections of the claims over prior art as follows.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 8-13, 15, 16 and 20-24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Baldo et al in *Applied Physics Letters*, Vol. 75, No. 1, pp. 4-6 (July 5, 1999) or U.S. Patent 6,097,147 to Baldo et al.

Claims 2 and 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Baldo et al in *Applied Physics Letters* or the U.S. Patent to Baldo et al, and as evidenced by Lamansky et al.

Claims 25 and 26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Baldo et al in *Applied Physics Letters*, Vol. 75, No. 1, pp. 4-6 (July 5, 1999) or U.S. Patent 6,097,147 to Baldo et al, and as evidenced by Lamansky et al.

Claims 1-24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Okada et al.

In response, applicants have amended claims 1 and 13 to recite that the election-transporting material is at least one of an aromatic heterocyclic compound which has a triazine skeleton, and have cancelled claims 4 to 7, 16 to 19, 25 and 26. The cited references do not give a specific example of an aromatic heterocyclic compound which has a triazine skeleton.

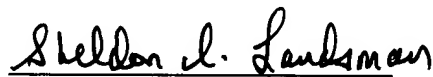
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In view of the above, applicants submit that the cited references do not disclose or render obvious the subject matter of the present claims and, accordingly, request withdrawal of these rejections.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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